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LOK SABHA

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PURCHASE OF NEW AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines/Air India have decided to augment its fleet by inducting more aircraft/airbus in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of aircraft/airbus to be added alongwith names of flight sectors to be benefited from this addition;

(c) the total amount involved in the acquisition to these aircrafts;

(d) the details of the procedure followed for the acquisition of new aircrafts;

(e) whether there is any proposal to acquire smaller aircraft and replace the old Boeing aircraft; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f):- A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 310 FOR 19TH MARCH, 2001 REGARDING PURCHASE OF NEW AIRCRAFT.

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f):- Presently Air India does not have any definite plan to procure new aircraft. Instead, they have decided to take 4 A310-300 aircraft on drylease with a view to augment its routes and passenger carrying capacity.

As regards Indian Airlines, the evaluation study to identify the type and number of aircraft for replacing B-737 and A-300 aircraft fleet is on and no firm conclusions have yet been arrived at. Indian Airlines is also evaluating suitable aircraft type for replacement of its Boeing aircraft fleet.

The procedure followed for acquisition of new aircraft is as under:-

The capacity requirements of the aircraft in terms of seating and range capability are identified;

The number of aircraft to be acquired and their areas of deployment are determined;

The technical parameters of the evaluation are standardised;

Thereafter, financial bids are invited and a techno-economic evaluation is conducted to determine the most suitable aircraft;

The recommendation of the in-house committee is submitted to the concerned board for approval and thereafter for the Government`s approval; and

CVC guidelines pertaining to post-tender negotiations are also adhered to while conducting the aircraft evaluation.

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ACQUISITION PROGRAMME

AIR INDIA HAS DRAWN UP A 10 YEARS BUSINESS PLAN (2001/02-2010/11) WHICH HAS PROPOSED THE INDUCTION OF 18 SMALL CAPACITY LONG RANGE (SCLR) AIRCRAFT AND 28 SMALL CAPACITY SHORT RANGE (SCSR) AIRCRAFT. PART OF THE CAPACITY IS FOR REPLACING OLDER AIRCRAFT, WHILE THE BALANCE IS FOR GROWTH. AIRCRAFT INDUCTIONS ARE PLANNED TO BEGIN FROM 2003/04, AFTER THE DISINVESTMENT PROCESS IS COMPLETED. THE SCSR AND SCLR AIRCRAFT ARE YET TO BE SELECTED.

AS THE STRATEGIC PARTNER, PROPOSED TO BE INDUCTED, WOULD BE EXPECTED TO FINANCE AND SUPPORT THE AIRCRAFT ACQUISITION PROCESS. THE AIRCRAFT SELECTION PROCESS AND PRUCHASE DECISIONS ARE BEING DEFERRED TILL THE COMPELTION OF THE DISINVESTMENT PROCESS.